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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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As a supplement to the Preliminary Amendment filed July 24, 2000, and prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 28-38 as follows:

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--28. A method for automatically providing a compressed rendition of a video program in a format suitable for electronic searching and retrieval, the method comprising the steps of:
receiving electronic data representing a condensed version of a video program, the video program having a video component and a second component associated therewith, the second component being at least one of audio and text, the electronic data representation including a representative frame from each segment of first video component of the video program and a portion of the second component associated with the segment;